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"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace," —*Ephesians 1:7.*

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According to the rules of the Church of God, every bishop and evangelist and every local church is required to fill out his own report, on his own form—don't borrow one from someone else. Send one copy to headquarters and one copy to the state overseer.

In order to improve the spiritual condition of our local churches, a very important recommendation was passed in our latest Assembly. Every pastor is to conduct or invite someone to conduct at least three revivals in the local church where he is pastoring, annually. Ministers, this is very important; please respond. The coming of the Lord draweth nigh.—W. L. Ford, Overseer of Colored Work.

CALENDAR NOTICE

Calendars purchased for resale should be returned for credit not later than December 20, if you find you have more than you will be able to dispose of. Return them to us pryor to the above date, as credit will not be given for calendars returned later. These calendars should sell well up into January and February.

I am an evangelist in the Church of God and am now open for calls.—Grant Dunning, Box 223, Linton, Ind.

DEATHS

Nora Hopkins

On the morning of November 22, 1946, the death angel came and carried Sister Nora Hopkins, of Ripley, Tenn., home to be with Jesus. She had been a faithful member of the Church of God since 1927.—Rev. B. E. Treat, her pastor.

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Rev. Walter L. Pate

While delivering a message on "Brotherly Love," June 16, 1946, in the Van Dyke, Mich., church, Brother Walter Pate slipped away to be with Jesus. Brother Pate was from Detroit. He was fifty-eight years old, and had been serving in the ministry for fourteen years, working in Ohio and Florida before coming to Detroit, Mich. He is survived by his wife, five children, five grandchildren, and a host of friends.—Anna Meadows.

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Requests for Prayer...

PRAY FOR:

God to heal me of kidney trouble. —Mrs. W. E. Ricketts, Booneville, Miss.

My sister, Mrs. Sarah Collier, to be healed. Her nerves are in a terrible condition.—Mrs. G. B. Langford, Jacksonville, Fla.

God to heal me of heart trouble.—Mrs. L. V. Owensby, Pinson, Ala.

My sister-in-law, Arizona Riley, to be healed.—V. Watkins, Arlington, Ky.

The healing of my body, and victory in a trial.—Mrs. L. H. Brewer, Ruleville, Miss.

Bob Hill to be saved and delivered from prison, and for Sister Hill to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. —Mrs. W. C. Rampy, Lakeland, Ga.

God to heal my sister-in-law.—Reenie Owen, Fruithurst, Ala.

God to bless our Sunday School, recently organized in this community. —J. C. Garner, Springville, Ala.

My daughter-in-law who is seriously ill.—Mrs. Ethel Holland, Meadville, Miss.

Pat Woodard to be healed of a cancer in his head.—Mrs. Pat Woodard, Cashiers, N. C.

My brother-in-law to be healed of T. B.; also pray for me, I am a young shut-in.—Magdalene Baker, Ayden, N. C.

God to heal me of stomach trouble. —Sallie Drummond, Alabama City, Ala.

God to heal my body; also an unspoken request.—Mrs. Lola M. Thompson, Bon Air, Ala.

God to heal my body and fill me with the Holy Ghost.—Charles S. Hines, Somerset, Ky.

A special request.—Marie Richardson, Mocksville, N. C.

Me and my husband to be saved, and that God will heal my body.—Mrs. T. E. Jordan, Laceyville, Pa.

A special unspoken request.—A member of the Church of God.

God to heal me of stomach trouble; my backslidden sons; my niece to be healed.—Mrs. Nancy Parks, Eckman, W. Va.

• You, though vile and unclean, can be made pure and spotless through

The Cleansing Power of CHRIST'S BLOOD

Hyman J. Appelman *

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(Condensed from the author's book, "God's Answer to Man's Sin")

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IT WAS Charles G. Finney who told this story. He was holding a revival in Detroit. One night, as he started to walk into church, a man came up to him. "Are you Dr. Finney?"

"Yes."

"I wonder if you will do me a favor. When you get through tonight, will you come home with me and talk to me about my soul?"

"Gladly. You wait for me." Finney walked inside and some of the men stopped him.

"What did the man want, Brother Finney?"

"He wanted me to go home with him."

"Don't do it."

"I am sorry, but I promised and I shall go with him."

When the service was over, Finney started out the door. The man was waiting, took his arm, and said, "Come with me." They walked three or four blocks, turned into a side street, walked down an alley, and at the second house the man stopped. "Stay here a minute, Brother Finney." He reached into his pocket, pulled out a key, unlocked the door, turned to the preacher and said, "Come in." Mr. Finney walked into the room. There was a carpet on the floor, a mantelpiece, a desk, a swivel chair, two armchairs. There was nothing else. There was a kind of thin board partition all around the room except where the fireplace was. Finney turned around. The man had locked the door and reached into his back pocket, had pulled out a revolver, and was holding it in his hand. "I don't intend to do you any harm," he said. "I just want to ask you some questions. Did you mean what you said in your sermon last night?"

"What did I say? I have forgotten."

"You said, 'The blood of Jesus Christ ... cleanseth us from all sin.'"

Finney said, "Yes, God says so."

The man said, "Brother Finney, you see this revolver? It has killed four people. It is mine. Two of them were killed by me, two of them by my bartender in a brawl in my saloon. Is there hope for a man like me?"

Finney said, "'The blood of Jesus Christ ... cleanseth us from all sin.'"

The man said, "Brother Finney, another question. In the back of this partition is a saloon. I own it, everything in it. We sell every kind of liquor to anybody who comes along. Many, many times I have taken the last penny out of a man's pocket, letting his wife and children go hungry. Many times women have brought their babies here and plead with me not to sell any more booze (bouse) to their husbands, but I have driven them out and kept right on with the whisky selling. Is there hope for a man like me?"

Finney said, "God says, 'The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.'"

"Another question, Brother Finney. In back of this other partition is a gambling joint, and it is as crooked as Satan. There isn't a decent wheel in the whole place. It is all loaded and crooked. A man leaves the saloon with some money left in his pockets, and we take his money away from him in there. Men have gone out of that gambling place to commit suicide when their money and perhaps entrusted funds were all gone. Is there any hope for a man like me?"

Finney said, "God says, 'The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.'"

"One more question, and I will let you go. When you walk out of this alley you turn to the right toward the street, look across the street, and you will see a two-story brown stone house. It is my home. I own it. My wife is there, and my eleven-year-old child, Margaret. Thirteen years ago I went to New York on business. I met a beautiful girl. I lied to her. I told her I was a stockbroker, and she married me. I brought her here, and when she found out my business it broke her heart. I have made life a hell on earth for her. I have come home drunk, beaten her, abused her, locked her out, made her life more miserable than that of any brute beast. About a month ago I went home one night drunk, mean, miserable. My wife got in the way somehow, and I started beating her. My daughter threw herself between us. I slapped that girl across the face and knocked her against a red-hot stove. Her arm is burned from shoulder to wrist. It will never look like anything decent. Brother Finney, is there hope for a man like me?"

Finney got hold of that man's shoulders, shook him, and said: "O son, what a black story you have to tell! But God says, 'The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.'"

The man said, "Thank you. Thank you very much. Pray for me. I am coming to church tomorrow night."

Finney went about his business. The next morning about seven o'clock the saloon man started across the street out of his office. His necktie was awry. His face was dusty and sweaty and tear-stained. He was shaking and rocking as though he were drunk. But let us go back to that room. He had taken that swivel chair and smashed the mirror, the fireplace, the desk and the other chairs. He had smashed the partition on each side. Every bottle and barrel and bar mirror in that saloon was shattered and broken. The sawdust was swimming angle deep in a terrible mixture of beer, gin, whiskey and wine. In the gambling establishment, the tables were smashed, the dice and cards were in the fireplace smoldering. He staggered across the

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BIBLE GLINTS *and* *Late Events*

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"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil," Ephesians 6:11.

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• BY THE EDITOR •

COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGAN URGES "PATIENCE" WITH CHURCHGOERS

Beware of the Wiles of the Devil! Read, Meditate, and You Should Become Alarmed at Satan's Strategy. May God Awaken His People Everywhere.

MOSCOW (By Wireless)—The Communist Party must be "patient" with churchgoing members but must not cease to "proclaim itself against religion," *The Young Bolshevik*, organ of the Central Committee of the Young Communist League, declared here in answer to a local group which asked how it should deal with churchgoers in its ranks.

The magazine chided the group for having prohibited members from going to church, and said that instead "it should have patiently explained the harmfulness of religious superstition and helped them to develop a scientific outlook."

"In such a question," *The Young Bolshevik* asserted, "administrative measures are out of place. The primary need is to raise the general cultural level of workers. Our whole ideology is based on science. Religious beliefs contradict science. Therefore, the Communist Party must proclaim itself against religion."

The magazine counselled the local Communist youth organization "to improve educational work among members and young people generally, train them systematically to read popular scientific literature, and attend scientific lectures."

"We can stamp out religious superstition in the minds of youth," it asserted, "only by teaching them to understand the phenomena of nature and social life, and to evaluate everything in terms of materialistic philosophy." —RNS.

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SURPRISE VISIT

The ministerial students of Bible Training School and College chartered a bus, filled it with approximately seventy-five students, and paid us a visit here at headquarters. They went through the publishing plant, the offices of headquarters, and the orphanages, and made a general survey of Bob Jones College, the future home of the Church of God Bible Training School and College.

Rev. R. R. Walker, General Secretary and Treasurer acted as host in showing them about over the buildings here. He heard various remarks from the students which led him to believe that they really enjoyed their visit. Next time, we hope they will visit us during the week so they can see all the big presses in operation, and meet the entire staff at headquarters. Many thanks for your visit. We welcome, and would appreciate having any of the other groups visit us.

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PREDICTS RETURN OF PROHIBITION

YORK, Pa., (RNS)—Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, national president, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, predicted the return of prohibition in an address to the 72d annual convention of the Pennsylvania WCTU here.

"It will not be drys that bring it back, but the liquor traffic," she said.

Mrs. Colvin declared, "The tide is turning; the day is coming when we shall outlaw liquor traffic." She charged that liquor traffic is the most "intolerant business today."

"Terrible conditions have arisen since repeal of the 18th Amendment," she said. "The public will rise against the steady decline of this country through alcoholism. The WCTU is going to see that this nation does not become a nation of alcoholics."

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CHINA

Rising prices in their own and world markets still acutely affect the Chinese.

In Shanghai, the cost of living is bouncing up to new highs—more than 5,000 times prewar levels. Speculative activity still is great and goods are scarce.

Commercial imports into Shanghai in September were almost twice as large as during August. These figures are in Chinese dollars and reflect not only inflated prices abroad but the sinking value of the Chinese currency itself.

Raw cotton showed the biggest jump over August imports. Badly needed cotton will allow larger production of textiles and clothing.

Exports, gaining only 10 per cent over the August level are disappointing.

Progress in China is slow, almost imperceptible. The story would be different if export products, such as tea, tung oil, bristles, tin, and antimony were reaching ports in a widening stream. Real improvement in production and movement of these goods will be slow unless the civil war can be pushed off in a corner.

On the whole, Japan is making a faster recovery from war than China.—*World Report.*

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ANTI-SEMITISM HELD CHRISTIAN PROBLEM

CHICAGO—The first international conference of Christians and Jews, held recently in London, resulted in an acknowledgment that anti-Semitism is a Christian problem, it has been announced by Dr. H. N. MacCracken, chairman of the London conference. "Anti-Semitism is a corroding influence that eats away at the spiritual fibre," Dr. MacCracken said. "No true Christian can be an anti-Semite, as anti-Semitism is a symptom of a sick society, fostered by ignorance and prejudice."

At the same time, Dr. E. R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, warned that "democratic and republican governments must build a better society than Communists promise if they are to survive."—*Jewish Missionary Magazine.*

World-Wide Bible Reading

Thanksgiving to Christmas, November 28-December 25

ARMED FORCES DISTRIBUTE

Our soldiers, sailors and marines who were stationed on the Pacific Islands, in China, in Burma, and elsewhere, sent home literally thousands of dollars to furnish more Bibles to people without them, because they saw with their own eyes what Christ, speaking from the New Testament, had done to transform savage cannibals into peace-loving gentlemen who saved many of our boys from the hands of the foe.

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WRITTEN BY HAND

Wycliff's Bible, 1383, the first English Bible, was written by hand. It was the last to be copied and multiplied by hand. It is said that in those days ten months were necessary to copy out the Bible. During the war, so great was the need for Scriptures, the American Bible Society, by setting up an assembly line in the printing plant, was able to turn out 10,000 Testaments a day.

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BIBLES IN STONE

Thirty miles out of Carlisle, at Ruthwell, England, is to be found the oldest runic cross in the world. It was finished in A. D. 680. Such crosses, or Bibles in stone as they have been called, were actually places of worship before churches were built. It was probably a common thing in England for people to hold services around a cross in the middle of a field, churches being built later around them.

Chinese office boy taking portions to the Post Office.

PASSAGE TO BE READ DAILY

Saturday	Matthew 3:1-17 (John the Baptist)
Sunday, December 15	John 3:1-17 (Nicodemus)
Monday	Luke 10:30-42 (Good Samaritan; Mary of Bethany)
Tuesday	Luke 15:11-24 (Prodigal Son)
Wednesday	John 13:1-17 (Jesus)
Thursday	John 17 (Jesus)
Friday	Acts 2 (Peter)
Saturday	Acts 6:8-15; 7:44-60 (Stephen)
Sunday, December 22	Acts 9:1-9; 13:14-43 (Paul)
Monday	2 Timothy 1:1-18 (Timothy)
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:24-12:2 (Heroes of the Faith)
Christmas Day, December 25	Matthew 2 (Jesus)

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WHAT ONE MAN DOES

"Supposing you lived near Singapore, in Malaya, and you have purchased a tin of biscuits made and packed away in China," writes W. J. Platt in "Whose World?" "You may be Chinese, for there are millions of Chinese there; you may be Javanese, or Malayan born; you may be Japanese. No matter; biscuits are biscuits. You look at the box—'Made and packed by Wang and Co., Peking.' You open it and discover more printed matter on a slip of paper inside. It must be important, for it is written in five different languages—in a box of cheap biscuits! You read whichever of the languages you know: 'Jesus said, I am the Bread of Life. He that cometh to Me shall never hunger.'

"Then follows an address to which you write for a Christian Gospel in the language you know—and it will be sent post free. That work is carried on by a Chinese Christian business man."

Jesus Makes Every Whit Whole

EARL A. CRIPPS

We are lifting up the same Jesus that Peter and Paul lifted up, and if we will lift Him as high as they did, the blind, lame, cancer and leprosy-eaten will say, "Jesus, give me my eyesight. Jesus, make me walk. Jesus, heal my cancer, leprosy," etc. Then we will see miracles that will turn the world upside down.

We can take anyone to Jesus. It does not make any difference how sinful, blind, lame, cancerous or leprosy-eaten they may be, His blood will make their sins, though they be as scarlet, as white as snow; cleanse out their sickness and make them every whit whole.

A Nero or a Hitler could cry out to God in their death throes and, like the thief on the cross, be in heaven the same day with Jesus, while self-righteous people who never feel their need of a Savior will land in hell.

Jesus said, "Preach the gospel to every creature," not divine healing (Matt. 8:17, Isaiah 53:4) to the saints

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JUST FOR YOU

By V. L. Hudlow

I want to have just a little personal talk with you on one of the most important subjects before men, women, boys and girls today; one in which I am sure you are, or should be, vitally interested. WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY? Remember, there are just two places to go; one a good place, the other a bad place. To which place are you going? "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment," Matt. 22:37, 38. Do you know that you are a great sinner before God? Do you know that you have committed the greatest sin that a boy or girl, man or woman can commit? What do you think it is? If this is the first and great commandment, then what is the first and greatest sin? Not to keep this commandment. Have you put God first in everything—first in affections, first in thought, first in pleasure, first in business, first in everything? What commandment have you broken? The first and greatest.

"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God," Romans 14:12.

"In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel," Rom. 2:16.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord," Romans 6:23.

"Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin," John 8:34.

"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil," John 3:18, 19.

Jesus is the incarnation of light, God's fullest revelation to man. To reject Jesus is the deliberate rejection of light, choosing instead, darkness. "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" What was the sin they had committed? These men had rejected the One whom God had made both Lord and Christ. Is that a serious sin? Yes, when you fail to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior, you are committing that greatest sin of rejecting God's only begotten Son as the Savior of the world. Does not everyone who rejects Jesus Christ practically tread under foot the Son of God and count the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing? "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him," Heb. 2:3.

All on earth you have to do to be lost is simply neglect the great salvation—just do nothing and you will be lost. That is the very thing you are doing today; you are lost already. God has provided salvation for you at a great cost. There is only one way to be saved and that is to accept God's plan of salvation through the death and resurrection of His only Son on the cross. All you need to do to be saved is to accept this salvation.

Let this sink deep into your heart; think on these things. He that hath ears to hear; let him hear what the Scriptures say. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him," John 3:36.

The Lamb

By Rev. J. C. Ward

Matt. 1:18, "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise; When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost." His birth was purposed that He would be a living sacrifice to redeem the world from sin. We hear a voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And again, we hear the voice of John saying, St. John 1:29, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," Praise the Lamb of God. My sinner friend, if you will yield your soul to the great drawing power of the Lamb, you will be saved.

Hear the wonderful words of Isaiah the prophet, 53:7, "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth." Listen, child of God, this is good for you too. When the world persecutes you, remember they persecuted the Lamb of God, and as He opened not His mouth, let us look up and be exceeding glad, for great is our reward in heaven. Matt. 5:12.

Matt. 27:42, we hear unbelievers mocking the Lamb, and saying, "He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he is the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him." But thank God, the Lamb did not come down! If He had listened to those people, we would be creatures most miserable (1 Cor. 15: 19), lost, lost, eternally lost! But He was willing, even unto death, that we might be redeemed by His precious blood; so they crucified my Lord. But oh glory, He arose from the dead, and walked and talked with His disciples. After forty days, the time when He must leave them, and in Acts 1:11, they saw him taken up into heaven. Two angels from God told them that this same Jesus would come again, Thank God! And so the Lamb of God went on high, to be with His Father and an advocate for us, 1 John 2:1. He came as a Lamb, but He will return as a Lion. so sinner, make your peace with God now.

Those who sealed their testimonies with their life's blood for their faith in Christ showed the strength of the seal of divine love that binds hearts to Christ and His cross.

The Will of God

By J. S. WALKER

Text: Matt. 7:21, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

NOW, we want you to know that the Lord wants each and every person to repent. Acts 2:37, 38: "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Then in 1 Thess. 4:3, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication."

We find a lot of people who say that sanctification was just for the apostles. This scripture makes it plain that it is for all; it brings it down to the individual. Then we read in Heb. 10: 36, "For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." We find by reading Acts 2:38, 39, that the promise is the Holy Ghost. This is the principal plan of salvation.

There is a great number of other things that are His will after we have gotten this far with Him. Romans 6:6, "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." The old man must be crucified. We all know that to crucify means to kill. Romans 6:7, "For he that is dead is freed from sin."

Now when we are made free from sin we shall be as we are told in 2 Cor. 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Now if old things had to pass away for us to become new creatures, they will have to stay passed away in order for us to stay new in Him. If old things are passed away, we lose our desire and love for them. Then our desire and love begins to reach out for the new things. I am sorry to say that some of our people are still reaching out for the old things that so easily sap their joy and keep them from bearing fruit for the Lord. 1 John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." It is the will of God that we be separate from the world.

One minister said that if this generation didn't die of T.B., because of insufficient dress to keep them warm, it would be a wonder to him. Some of our mothers dress themselves out of the will of God. They dress their little girls in clothes without proper length. This is not modest but fashionable. This is not training them up in the way they should go. Oh, that our people would turn from the world and do the will of our Father which is in heaven. Paul tells us in Romans 13: 14, "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."

It is the will of God that we live in the Word, and someone is going to be responsible for not doing so. Romans 10:14, 15, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" It is also the will of God that preachers give the people the whole Word. We are told to declare the whole counsel of God. May God help us to abide in His will.

LIVING WATER

John 4:10, "Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."

Praise God for this wonderful water for our thirsty souls. Just think what a cool drink of water means when you are very thirsty. This woman questioned Jesus because she wanted to know about the water He would give; was He greater than their father Jacob who had given them the well where the people, as well as the cattle, came to drink? The woman seemed to be astonished at the water He would give, but let me tell you, this woman didn't turn this living water away and make fun of it like so many people are doing today.

It seems that the woman was asking Jesus that she might understand for her own good. She said, "Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?" If you get rid of your sins and get in touch with the true and living God, you can just stand and drink at the fountain until your soul is overflowing with the waters of salvation. That precious flowing stream is so cool and refreshing to our souls. People are thirsty today, but the reason they are not drinking this good living water is because pleasures and sin of this world keep the living water out of their hearts. John 4:14, "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give

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The following message is taken from a sermon preached by the pastor at

The Holy Ghost

By Rev. J. A. Cross

THE passage on opposite page was quoted by the apostle Peter in his memorable sermon on the day of Pentecost. It would be incorrect to suppose that one occasion exhausted the fulfillment of prophecy. This was not just a prediction of the event of Pentecost, but it was the issuing in of a new order of things.

Henry Edward Manning said, "It is evident that the present dispensation under which we are living is the dispensation of the Spirit, or of the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. To Him, in the divine economy, has been committed the office of applying the redemption of the Son to the souls of men by the vocation, justification, and salvation of the elect. We are therefore under the personal guidance of the Third Person, as truly as the apostles were under the guidance of the Second."

I am thoroughly convinced that this is a dispensation of the Holy Ghost for the following reasons: This is an age of spiritual worship, and they that worship the Father must worship Him in spirit and in truth. It is an age of increased opposition by the Satanic forces of the underworld. The devil knows that his time is running out, and the powers of evil have steadily increased until the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit of God is more necessary to be a victorious overcomer.

In the plan of God, the eternal Father, began the work of redemption. Christ came to the world to complete the work of redemption by His atoning death on the cross of Calvary. His work is measured by a span of thirty-three years of activity on this earth. While He eternally existed before His advent into the world, the time of His mission is generally marked by His birth in Bethlehem of Judea, and consummated by His death and resurrection and the return to the Father in heaven.

So the time of the era of the Holy Ghost is generally understood to begin with the day of Pentecost. It is true that prior to this time the Holy Ghost had moved upon the prophets and messengers of God and anointed them for special service, but not until the coming of the Holy Ghost baptism on the day of Pentecost did the Holy Ghost dwell in men. ("And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you," John 14:16, 17.) Now, not only shall He be WITH men, but thank God He shall be IN men. In my opinion, the limitation of the dispensation is bounded on one side by the event of His coming on the day of Pentecost and on the other by the rapture of the saints at the coming of the Lord Jesus. Thus each person of the Godhead complements the work of the other. Since Christ carried on the work of the Father while He was in the world, so the Holy Ghost carries on the work that Christ began while He was in the world. Truly this is the dispensation of the blessed Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY GHOST DISPENSATION IS ONE OF SPIRITUALITY. In the days of the saints of the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit was specially given privilege effected by an influence, or a moving upon men by the Spirit of God. Notice an example of this in Luke 1:67, "And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost and prophesied, saying . . . " They were moved upon, filled with, and the Holy Ghost was with them on these occasions; but John Baptist, son of Zacharias, foretold an event that would change the order of things, saying, "And he shall BAPTIZE (immerse, diffuse, with the Holy Ghost, not just fill or move upon) you with the Holy Ghost." Thank God, in this dispensation He dwells with us; His sphere of activity is here among us, on this earth; and He not only dwells with us, but He tabernacles with (lives within) us.

The Church on the day of Pentecost was founded upon just such an event as prophesied by the prophet Joel—an outpouring upon all flesh. It is sustained and carried forward victoriously by this same inworking, dynamic propulsion. She shall be raised, or raptured, at the sounding of the trumpet of God, to live gloriously in the everlasting eternity with God.

THE HOLY GHOST DISPENSATION IS AN AGE OF POWER. Acts 1:8, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Mark this well, "after." I am convinced that one reason for so many powerless Christians is because, after they received the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, they felt that they had about all that was necessary. The experience of receiving the Holy Ghost marks the entrance into a glorious world of victory, experiences, blessings, and in enduement of power to bless, to serve, to advance the cause of Christ; but so many stopped at the Baptism and have not gone on to the experience of power that follows the Baptism. Luke 24:49, "But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

Let me explain that the term "power," includes shouting, dancing, and manifestations, but that is not the extent of its meaning. It embraces the afore-mentioned things, and includes the power to live clean, pure, straight, holy, harmless, and undefiled lives in this world. It means living at home like you live in the church. It means living on the job like you do while singing in the choir. It means keeping sweet in your soul while manifold trials and temptations are besetting your path. It means SERVING the Lord with gladness of heart. It means not only the ability to loudly declare the praises of God, or to jump high, or to run the aisles of the church, but ALSO to get under the load and pull with all your might—to shoulder the responsibility of the cause of Christ and see that it goes forward. That is power.

Power accomplishes things. It leaves its effect. It is not an idle boast, but the direct effect of a cause that is indwelling. In the book of the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 6, verses 5 and

Dispensation

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit," Joel 2:28, 29.

8, we read, "And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost . . . And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people."

This is also attested to be an age of power by the words of the writer of Hebrews, chapter 2, verse 4, "God also bearing them witness, both with SIGNS and WONDERS, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost."

It is a dispensation of power, enabling us to witness to the fact of His resurrection from the dead, granting us the assurance and the hope of our resurrection. It was for this cause that Paul endured imprisonment; "And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers . . . For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews. Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?" Acts 26:6-8. And thank God, he had power to stand before unbelievers, scoffers, and mockers; before rulers, kings and emperors, to declare that there shall be a resurrection of the dead.

It is a dispensation of power for prayer. Acts 4:31, "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled." Romans 8:26, 27, "For we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places," Eph. 6:12. Power is given, in this dispensation, to pray through the hindering forces of evil, piercing the Stygian blackness of oppression, overcoming powers of Satanic forces; groaning in the Spirit until the answer comes ringing back, accompanied with mighty shaking of the Spirit, accomplishing for us what no other force is able to do.

This Holy Ghost dispensation is one of power for the ministry. God-called and God-sent men are furnished and equipped with a peculiar qualification to carry on the work of God in this world. God has not left us to fight the battle alone, but has endued us with a might that is effective against the devil. Demons are to be cast out, according to His Word. The sick are to be healed and the gospel is to be preached to the needy world.

THE HOLY GHOST DISPENSATION IS ONE OF EXPANSION. God desires and expects us to enlarge our borders, and no true church can be satisfied without making progress and expanding for God. In the early church, I read of one occasion where three thousand souls were added to the church; and, on another occasion, it is written, "And the Lord added to the church DAILY such as should be saved." The eighth chapter of Acts gives an account of Philip going into Samaria to preach the gospel, and the results were felt insomuch that there was great joy in that city. Later, they began to enter into Phenice, Cyprus, and Antioch, and the blaze of revival fires mounted higher. When persecution arose and the saints were scattered, instead of becoming disheartened about the trials, they remained faithful to God and new fields heard the Word of the Lord. Because of the faithfulness of the scattered saints, new churches sprang into existence, and with great zeal did they testify to the saving power of God.

The Church expanded in this dispensation because they counted that all things work together for good to them who are the called according to His purpose. When the scattering of the saints came, it is true that the inner circle in Jerusalem was broken up. It is true that the dream of a great center, with nothing to do but praise God and worship, was dispelled. But with the forcing out into new places, the gospel was sounded forth in Greece, Macedonia, Cappadocia, Italy, and, in fact, "so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus both Jews and Greeks," Acts 19:10.

This present time is still one of expansion, and I do not feel that God is well pleased with us unless we are expanding. A contented church is a dead church, or is conformed to the world. Thank God for men and women who have a vision for God and His cause, who are not afraid to launch out for God and believe Him for great things. One of my reasons for believing that this is the Holy Ghost dispensation is because of the phenomenal growth the Church of God has made in the last few years. Missionaries in the far-flung places of the earth are winning souls for God and His kingdom, and at the same time planning new conquests for God and righteousness. New schools, new churches, new buildings, new orphanages to minister to the cry of the fatherless and motherless, are being erected.

Shall we be content with what we have done? No! The vision becomes brighter, our desire is intensified, and the hunger for more souls for heaven is never satisfied. God grant that we shall be consumed with a holy desire to win the world for Christ. In my life, I want an unsatisfied propensity that will urge me ever onward, and one like that which moved John Knox to pray, "Oh Lord, give me Scotland or I die." We are living in the greatest age the world has ever known. There is the greatest power the world has ever known behind us, impelling us onward, and this present dispensation will wind up in a blaze of glory that will circle the globe, with triumphant saints shouting the high praises of God and the Lamb as they are transported with ecstasy to the marriage of the Lamb.

J. STEWART BRINSFIELD
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FROM THE LAND OF NORTHERN LIGHTS

George Savchenko,
Missionary to Alaska

Summer, which was long looked for, came, but refused to stay any longer than just a few months. During this time we were busy all the time, taking advantage of the long days, and we can say that much was done to the building, also to the grounds. We were very fortunate to get some lumber this summer when shipping was normal, and we have been trying to make it go as far as possible to fix our building here. With my power tools, which I had shipped from the States, I have made all the finished lumber needed for the window casings, frames, and the inside of the building. I have only a little more lumber left with which to work.

I would like to mention the Daily Vacation Bible School we had in Talkeetna. During the last part of August I took my entire family, with all our music, boarded the train and traveled about one hundred miles north of Palmer. When we arrived in Talkeetna we made contact and were permitted to use the schoolhouse until the new teacher arrived. Then, it was to be left to her as to whether we could use the schoolhouse or not, as she has the say in matters like that, since there is not a school board there. After cleaning the living quarters and schoolhouse, we set things in order to start the school. In the meantime, I had sent out announcements and told everyone that I saw about the school. The youngsters in that village were really thrilled. This was the first such school that had ever been taught there. After the school started they seemed to take everything in and learn new songs and courses with such eagerness and delight. Their dirty faces and ragged clothes were hidden in the distances when they would sing with smiles on their faces. It was only a few days before the teacher arrived and we had to move out.

We had to rent a small cabin in which to live, and the only place we could get to continue our school was in an old hotel that had a cocktail bar and sold whisky and beer. We had one section in the front room, but talk about stinch and filth, it was almost unbearable. We went ahead one day, but were told that when drunk men and women came in to buy liquor, they could come and go as they pleased; so after prayer and much consideration, we felt it would be best to close the school. We closed out with a picnic on the bank of the Bib Susitna River. It seemed that our efforts were weak and little accomplished, but every time I go back to Talkeetna to hold services every one of those youngsters are at the service. When I get off the train they are there to greet me. When I go uptown they follow me and ask when service is going to start as they don't want to miss it. It may not mean much to many of you that read this, but if you could see their parents as I have seen them, under the influence of liquor most of the time. Then you could realize what is really taking place.

To give you some idea of the conditions which exist in Talkeetna, I will give you the events that took place on the last trip I made up there, the first of November. All that I tell will have taken place within a thirty-hour trip.

I boarded the train in Matenuska with my equipment (which consisted of gas lanterns, sled, sleeping bag, song books, Bible, and two instruments) and began heading north. The next stop was Washilla and some drunks got on headed for five stations up the line. As soon as we started to leave, these natives began to drink, both men and women, until one passed out, not knowing what was going on. Vomit, cigarette smoke, and the smell of liquor made the atmosphere all but pleasant in the coach. The trainmen would walk by and see all of this, but would say nothing about it as long as they were not fighting or clubbing someone over the head.

At the third and fourth station some more natives boarded the train, who were relatives to these already on, and with the usual greeting of passing the bottle to the new passengers, they settled back in their misery. Upon arriving at the fifth station, one of the women had to pull her man out of the seat.

After leaving station number five, one of the passengers, who was a native and the father of one of the boys that got off the train, came down the aisle and asked me if I would read a letter which he had received from his boy. I read the letter to him with a little difficulty. After a few moments of conversation the subject of religion was brought up, and I helped to bring it on. He began to show me the holy water that he had and told me of their ceremonies that they went through at Christmas time. The subject of liquor was brought up, and he told me he wanted to be delivered from drinking as he passed out when he got drunk and that scared him half to death. Right there I began preaching Jesus to him. I told him that he did not need that bottle of holy water, but needed Jesus in his heart. I kept preaching, and when I found out he was going to Talkeetna I invited him to come to church. That night he came and brought his sister with him. I can truthfully say that on this trip I was able to keep two natives from getting drunk while they were in Talkeetna overnight.

That night when I arrived in Talkeetna the youngsters were there and they were glad to see me. As I had only one hour until service began, I had to hurry to pull my sled across town to where I would spend the night sleeping on a man's floor. As I was returning to the main part of town I came across a drunken man chasing his wife. She was also drunk and had run away from him to some of the neighbors; looking for more whisky. He knew that if he could find where she was he also might get a little more to drink. Proceeding across

the street I heard some children crying. As I knew the man (the last time I was in service in Talkeetna he sat through my preaching drunk, with a cap pulled over his face), I stepped to the door, but just before I knocked I could see through the glass in the door and his drunk wife was sitting in a chair by the table holding a small baby. He was also drunk and was sitting in front of her beating her. After I knocked he came to the door and as I stepped in the children came running to me crying and telling me that daddy was beating mama. The father came to me and began to apologize that things were not going just right that night and he could not come to church.

After viewing all this I walked across the street and knocked on another door. A voice invited me in and there by the door was a table with men and women around it drinking and mixing drinks. These were some of the higher-ups from the airport, and the section foreman on the railroad. You should have seen the change on their faces when they saw me, as they knew who I was. I began inviting them to church, and gave them a little lecture. All the time I was doing this they were looking at their toes under the table.

In a few minutes it was service time. All the children were there ready to start, but none of the parents came, only the two natives I had invited while I was on the train. The services was good. In all we had fourteen present, and it thrilled me to have that many. When we have as many as thirty it makes us feel that we are having a very large attendance. In this work it seems that the children are much easier reached than the older people.

After service was over I went to the cabin where I stayed with an old-timer. After I had my sleeping bag rolled out on the floor I went to bed. About midnight there came a sharp knock on the door and a drunk native woman began to call for us to let her in, as her husband was drunk and was beating her. The old-timer told me to keep on sleeping and pay no attention to her as he was not going to let her in and be bothered with her because she would only want to come in and beg for liquor.

Next morning after a good hearty breakfast of fried potatoes and some good moose meat, I loaded my equipment on the sled and pulled up to the station for the train. Getting on the train with me were the two natives who came to my service the night before, and another native who could hardly stand up. Here is some of his past record—killed his brother and father, spent two years on McNeal Island, was released and came back, shot his cousin and threw him in the river, was taken in by the authorities, but released. As the train began to speed to the south he began attacking the native women in the coach. The conductor had to set him down and watch him until he was put off at his station.

These events were all put in the past, but they stand out as a grim reminder of what humanity does without God and His guiding hand.

No doubt, many are wondering how this shipping tie-up is affecting Alaska. It is crippling Alaska. Today, I went to the store and could buy only one-half of a case of milk, and that was given to me because we have children. Those who do not have children are not allowed to buy milk at present. There are some towns that are nearly out of food and supplies, and if the tie-up lasts very much longer it will cause much hardship.

One fact I would like to mention is that, though everything is about out, liquor is plentiful. There seems to be more of it on hand than ever before as there seems to be more drunks.

From the standpoint of spirituality, Alaska has never had any sweeping revivals like we have had in the States. In the many places where we have contacted small Pentecostal groups, they are all praying for a revival to break and sweep the whole territory of Alaska.

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I thank God for His many blessings, for His healing power, and for free salvation. On one particular occasion God gave me a most wonderful blessing. Great showers of blessings began to roll over me and I was shaken by the very hand of God. A song began to come forth and as I opened my mouth to sing it came in another language. It seemed I left this world and came into the very presence of Almighty God. I wish I had never come back. I also praise Him for the many times He has healed my body.—Mrs. J. W. Davis, Cherry Valley, Ark.

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It is my intense desire to keep pressing on for Jesus. God has wonderfully saved me, sanctified me, and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I also praise Him for the many times He has healed in my home.—Grace Hubbard, Balkan, Ky.

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I am glad because God opened my eyes to the pure way cleansed by the blood of His own Son, Jesus. The pathway has become clear and stumbling blocks have become steppingstones. I am glad that I have the Holy Ghost and fire as came down on the day of Pentecost.—Albert Williams, Lumberton, N. C.

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In 1920, I had T. B. and a terrible stomach trouble. The doctors were unable to help me. My husband and I were talking about his plans after I was gone, and he bowed in prayer and the Lord healed me. He told me that I would live longer than he would but I didn't believe it. He has been dead for twelve years now and I am still alive, praising God for His wonderful power.—Ella Cleaver.

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I was unable to walk for several months. They took me to the hospital and the doctors said they had done all they could for me, but, praise God, I knew I wasn't going to die because I knew He would heal me if I would trust Him. I am up now and am able to get about.—Mrs. Wilborn, Scottsboro, Ala.

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I truly praise the Lord for victory over sin. I also praise Him for His wonderful healing power. I was suffering terribly and the Lord touched my body. He has healed in my home many times.—Mrs. Jack Stanfield, Calhoun, Ga.

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About two years ago I had heart trouble. The doctors could not help me, and it seemed I couldn't live. The Lord healed me, saved and sanctified me, and filled me with the Holy Ghost. He also healed my daughter when she was near convulsions.—Mrs. James A. Collins, Anniston, Ala.

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I want to praise God for healing my baby. She had a sore throat and would hold her mouth open all the time, but God touched her.—Mrs. Alven Long, Gastonia, N. C.

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I want to praise God for saving me when I was backslidden, and healing me when I was sick.—Mrs. Allen Roark, Iaeger, W. Va.

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While my husband and father were in the Bishops' Council in Birmingham, my little girl was taken deathly sick. She went into a convulsion and her head was drawn back almost to her backbone. I prayed earnestly to God to heal her, but it seemed that she was going any time. I called my husband and father. They said they would have prayer for her at the Council. In a little while she relaxed and began to breathe normally. My husband called and said they had prayed for her in the Council, and I knew then that she was healed. Later, she awoke and asked for something to eat. When my husband and father returned, she was out playing and ran to meet them.—Mrs. L. E. Holdman, Caruthersville, Mo.

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I am glad I am still on the firing line. I have been in this good holiness way for about twenty-four years. I have had many hard trials, much sickness, and heartache, but I have always found a friend in Jesus. I am surrounded by unbelievers, but I am trying to be as a "city set on a hill."—Mrs. Bruce White, Lynch, Va.

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I was afflicted with ulcerated stomach and low blood pressure. They were conducting a revival at our church, and one night I was too weak to go. I stayed at home by myself. I went to bed before dark and I began praying for God's will to be done. I prayed until 10:30. About that time, the power of God struck me and stayed with me for thirty minutes. I was healed and now I can eat anything I want.—Mrs. Henry Rollins, Whitwell, Tenn.

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Truly I can say that every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before. The other night I was praying and it seemed that I saw a large city. There was a light shining down on it and it was very beautiful. Just above that light I saw in the clouds

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something like a man. I couldn't see it plainly, but I believe it was Jesus. —Mrs. Mattie Dorton, Scottsdale, Ga.

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He Knows, He Cares, He Hears, He Answers

I truly thank the Lord for healing my body. I suffered with pains, muscle and joint neuralgia, pains in my shoulders, and stiff joints for over two years. One day I took one of those precious little papers, "Evangel," pressed it to my arms, neck and head. From that day I have been healed of those pains. After that, I had a pain in my right lung and I again took the Evangel and pressed it to my chest. Praise the Lord, that pain is gone. I am sure we are serving a mighty God. He knows, He sees, He cares, and hears and answers our prayers. Bless His precious name. —Lula Stephens, Sulphur Springs, Florida.

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Joy and Peace in Serving Jesus

BAUXITE, Ark.—I praise Jesus for His redeeming power and love to me. He saved my soul and gave me the sweet Holy Ghost, the great Comforter.

I praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. Nearly five years ago, I was taken seriously ill, and was rushed to the hospital. The saints were praying for me. I was lying in the hospital, and everything grew dark. I began to whisper the name of Jesus, and then I spoke out loud. There were about four doctors and several nurses there and I told them I was saved, and that I knew I was going to heaven. They worked with me, but I could feel my soul leaving this world; then Jesus appeared before me with a halo around His head, and His sweet presence gave me wonderful rest. There is no rest on earth that can be as sweet and restful as that rest was. Words cannot express it Praise Jesus forever. I want to live in this world so I can live in the presence of Jesus when I leave here.

Two years ago, my husband was called away, leaving me here. The burdens sometime get heavy, but Jesus is always with me to help me along.

I love Jesus and I find joy and peace in serving Him.

I have an unspoken request for prayer. Pray for me, that my life will be a light to the lost and I will win souls for the Lord.—Mrs. Minnie Cole, Rt. 1, Box 132.

When Other Things Failed, He Lifted Me Up

LEXINGTON 38, Ky.—I praise the Lord for the many wonderful things He has done for me. I promised that I would really praise Him for saving and sanctifying my soul. He healed me of T. B. about nine years ago. After everything else had failed, He lifted me up. He has healed my family many times. He healed my husband while he was overseas, and brought him safely back.

Pray for me that I will stay in the center of God's will and receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. R. L. Bryant, 511 East Seventh Street.

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Healed of Whooping Cough

GUTHRIE, Okla.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I am thanking God for His wonderful healing power. My baby two and one-half months old had the whooping cough for two weeks, almost. The first week, she didn't cough enough for me to know she had the whooping cough. The second week, she whooped, vomited and strangled. So I had the saints to anoint her and pray for her. We anointed a handkerchief and pinned it on her, and God wonderfully healed her. I promised God I would testify and tell of His goodness and healing, if He would heal her, and thank God, He did.—Mrs. Opal Mayabb, 418 W. Washington St.

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NINETY SIX, S. C.—There were a number of people saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost in the revival recently closed. Rev. W. C. King, of Seneca, S. C., was the evangelist. Brother King did some good old time singing and preaching; he will be a blessing to any church.—John T. Duckett, pastor.

TRUSTED THE LORD AS MUCH AS I KNEW HOW

I want to write a few words of testimony tonight for the glory of God, to praise and thank Him for His love and mercy to me and for His many, many blessings.

For twenty-six years I have known Him as my Savior and keeper. He saved, sanctified, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Praise His name!

I can never begin to praise Him for Him for saving and sanctifying my family. He is a wonderful Savior and Friend. I want to praise Him for the many times He has healed in our home. About twenty years ago, He healed me of double pneumonia. About seventeen years ago, two of our little girls took scarlet fever. Such burning fever; their temperature was so high they were delirious at times. We held on to God and the saints prayed and God healed them.

In 1942, He healed our baby of pneumonia. Oh, praise the Lord! And three years ago, He healed me of a serious ailment, for which I truly praise Him. He is everything to me. He is worthy of all praise.

I am glad I ever learned to trust Him. About a year ago, I had a fall which has caused me very much intense suffering. It seemed at times I could not endure such pain, but praise my Redeemer, He gave me grace to trust Him and gave me relief. His promise has been proven to me and I know His grace is sufficient. Praise the Lord!

Prov. 3:5, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding." This I have done as much as I know how. I am very weak in body, but I am still depending on Him and trusting Him for strength. Praise His name!

Since the fall, I have been in bed eleven months. I am glad I still have Jesus in my heart and life, and victory in my soul.

The Lord alone knows what terrible weakness and suffering He has kept me through. At times I could scarcely see at all, and could hardly hear the saints praying at my bedside. It seemed they were so far away.

Psalms 34:19, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Praise the Lord for a day of deliverance somewhere, sometime.

I have a terrible affliction from which I would like so much to be delivered. However, if I know my heart, I want God's will to be done for He knows best. Praise His name!

I love the Lord and want to be faithful. The promise is to the faithful.

Divine healing is not taught or preached much in these last days, but it is still in God's Word. He said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away," Matt. 24:35. His Word is true and His

promise sure. I want to fight the good fight of faith. I will appreciate the prayers of all who read this, that God will strengthen me and I can have more faith. Without faith it is impossible to please Him. I do want to keep my faith in Him.

We appreciate the many nice cards and encouraging letters we have received. We also appreciate the many prayers that have been offered in our behalf. May the Lord richly bless and keep each one of you.

Psalms 118:8, "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." Please pray that I will be faithful to the end.

If only I can trust His grace
Some day I'll see Him face to face.
Oh joy within this heart of mine,
'Twas given by the Christ divine.
Oh blessed thought and happy day,
His grace will keep me all the way.
When I meet Him in heaven's dome
And enter my eternal home,
I'll live with Him on heaven's shore
And there I'll praise Him evermore.

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THE CLEANSING POWER OF CHRIST'S BLOOD

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street, walked up the stairs of his home and sat down heavily in the chair in his room. His wife called the little girl. "Maggie, run upstairs and tell Daddy breakfast is ready." The girl walked slowly up the stairs. Half afraid, she stood in the door and said, "Daddy, Mamma said breakfast was ready; to come down."

"Maggie, darling, Daddy doesn't want any breakfast."

That little girl didn't walk; she just flew down the stairs. "Mamma, Daddy said, 'Maggie darling,' and he didn't—"

"Maggie, you didn't understand. You go back upstairs and tell Daddy to come down." Maggie went back upstairs with the mother following her. The man looked up as he heard the child's step, spread his knees out, and said, "Maggie, come here."

Shyly, frightened, in a tremble, the little girl walked up to him. He lifted her, put her on his knee, pressed his face against her breast and wept. The wife, standing in the door, didn't know what had happened. After awhile he noticed her and said, "Wife, come here."

He sat her on his other knee, threw his big man's arms around those two whom he loved, whom he had so fearfully abused, lowered his face between them, and sobbed until the room almost shook with the impact of his emotion.

After some minutes, he controled himself, looked up into the faces of his wife and girl, and said, "Wife, daughter, you needn't be afraid of me any more. God has brought you a new man, a new daddy home today."

That same night that man, his wife, and their child walked down the aisle of the church and gave their hearts to Christ.

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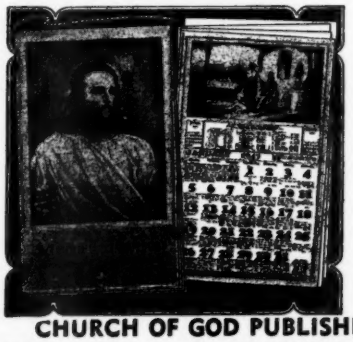
General Overseer and Wife's Visit an Inspiration

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—We were highly honored to have our esteemed General Overseer and wife, Rev. and Mrs. John C. Jernigan, with us for service October 19, 20. Brother Jernigan's messages were inspiring and will long be remembered. Sister Jernigan is an inspiration to have in any service and any home. They have a cordial invitation to visit our church and our home at every possible opportunity.—R. E. Lovelle, pastor.

Some say love is blind, but she can always see God's goodness and her own lack.

GREAT FALLS, SOUTH CAROLINA

The above is a picture of the new parsonage and a group of people at the church in Great Falls, S. C. In 1945 the Republic Cotton Mills donated to the Church of God two nice corner lots, on which a nice six-room parsonage was erected. The outside is white asbestos siding, and sheet rock was used on the inside. The pastor at that time, Rev. Marvin Craven, is standing at the extreme left with a Bible in his hand.



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LIVING WATER

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shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." You have heard of and seen artesian wells; it is no wonder that David said, "My cup runneth over."

Jer. 2:13, "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." I well remember that when I was a child that people had cisterns. They would hold water for a while, but soon they would begin to dry up. The water would have a muddy color, and the first thing you know when you would go to draw water, you could see the bottom and it would all soon be gone. I thank God there is no bottom to the well of the living water that Jesus gives; it will never run dry. Some people will go around and drink most any kind of water, trashy and muddy water, and forsake the clear stream.

John 7:37, "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink." He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." We do not have to draw with ropes or chains, but, "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation," Isa. 12:3.

Jer. 31:12, "Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all." Our souls shall be as a watered garden. When there is the sufficient rain, a garden will flourish and be beautiful, but if there is a drought, it will parch and dry up.

Rev. 22:1, 2, "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations." Psa. 1:3, "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." If we would see the river mentioned in the first verse of this paragraph, it is necessary that we obtain the standing of the second.

Rev. 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let Him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

JESUS MAKES US EVERY WHIT WHOLE

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and medical science to the sinners, but the gospel to every creature.

If Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, all this old world needs is Jesus, and not a lot of subterfuge that Mohammed, Buddha, idols, doctors, etc., are just as good to get the devil off people, if they do not have faith enough to take Jesus.

Jesus said, "Follow me, and where I am there shall my servant be, also." And what a position to be in. He could say at the grave of Lazarus, "Father, I know that thou hearest me always," and the dead came forth. Peter could say the same when he took Dorcas by the hand, and so could Paul when a boy fell out of a third gallery while he was preaching. They did not spiritualize the works of Jesus but did the same and greater.

Faith is a stabilizer of every life of service. As there is no victory without faith neither is there any acceptable service without faith.

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